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MATSUI SECURES FUNDING TO CONTINUE IMPROVEMENTS TO SACRAMENTO SEWER SYSTEM

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Robert T. Matsui announced today the U.S. House of Representatives approved \$500,000 in funding to rehabilitate the City of Sacramento's sewer system. The funding, included in the Fiscal Year 2005 Consolidated Appropriations Act, will continue efforts to reduce flooding in the Capitol area and downtown Sacramento, as well as diminish discharges into the Sacramento River. At 100 years of age, the combined sewer system is frequently pushed beyond its capacity when rainfall or other drainage flows through its network.

Designed to safely carry 60 million gallons of water each day, this flow can often swell to as much as 630 million gallons per day, discharging onto city streets, residential and commercial buildings and the Sacramento River, a primary drinking source for over 20 million Californians. Funding secured by Rep. Matsui will help engineers continue projects to expand and rehabilitate existing infrastructure, construct new pipeline connections and a new in-line storage facility.

"This funding helps maintain progress on sewer rehabilitation," said Representative Matsui. **"Our overburdened sewer system threatens the quality of life in our city and those downstream on the Sacramento River. By improving the existing network and constructing new pipelines and storage facilities, we bring our sewer system up to date and ensure that it will not pose a threat for generations to come."**

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